

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARPLE

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Online Donations

Pope Francis's prayer intention for July: For Pastoral Care of the Sick.

<b>Sunday</b> Vigil 6 pm  9 am	28 <sup>th</sup> July Intentions: Mollie Howes, Jim Mottram. <b>MORNING MASS</b> Intentions: Parishioners	<b>Thursday</b>  6 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> August <b>NO MASS</b> Exposition, Holy Hour.
<b>Monday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday</b> 10 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> August <b>DAILY MASS</b> Priest Intentions.
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 6 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> August <b>VIGIL MASS</b> Intentions: Gerard O'Donnell.
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	31 <sup>st</sup> July <b>REQUIEM MASS</b> Mollie Howes	<b>Sunday</b> 9 am	4 <sup>th</sup> August <b>MORNING MASS</b> Intentions: Parishioners.

<b>Baptism/Marriage</b>	By appointment
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	As above

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Please pray for Christopher Brown, Christopher Clifford, Jonathan Davison, Fr. Bill Fitzgerald, Isaac Iqba, Stuart Madden, Nina Noworyta, Steven Platts, Emily Small, Kathryn Smith, James Tanner, Jarek Tomaszewski, Kathleen Williams.

**Marian Lamp.** This Week the Marian Candle burns for a Terry Adamson and Ann Adamson intention.

A warm welcome to everyone. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a card and give it to Fr Bill. We shall be glad to visit you and make you as welcome as possible. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No.234025

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## Fr. Bill Writes

We welcome back Fr. Stephen to the parish after his pilgrimage to Fatima, and thank him for his prayers and masses for the parishioners.

The remaining schools have now closed during this past week, so the academic year 2023/24 has now officially come to an end. The diocesan director of education, Mr. Damian Cunningham has also retired, we wish him the very best, as we thank him for his generous contribution to catholic education across many years in the Shrewsbury Diocese. The task of now finding his successor is well underway, and a new director should be in place by the start of the new academic year 2024/25, which begins this September.

We know that for the next five weeks or so that many families will be away on holidays. Fr. Bill and Fr. Stephen would like to wish everybody who is going on holiday an enjoyable vacation along with safe travel, and make sure if you are entering the European Community Zone, that you have the correct documentation, and that it is up to date.

We also invite Parishioners not to forget their financial commitment to the Parish, the Sunday Offertory Collection suffers very much in all parishes during the summer holidays, so do consider your Offertory Contributions either before you go on holiday or on your return.

Fr. Bill has continued to receive cards, wishing him well on his retirement, for which he is most thankful. Fr. Bill has emptied the Presbytery at Holy Spirit of most of his possessions, and once the pastoral arrangement for the parish is announced, he will remove the remainder of his possessions. We hope in due course that a new parish priest will take up residence once the bishop announces his pastoral provision for Holy Spirit, Marple, and St. Bernadette's, Brinnington. All new clergy appointments are due to take effect from the second weekend in September, and the announcement of those appointments is now imminent.

Pilgrims for the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage will be leaving for Lourdes at the end of this week, compared with other diocese, the numbers are very small, there was a time when over a thousand pilgrims travelled from the Shrewsbury Diocese each year. We hope that those who manage to get to Lourdes this year as part of the diocesan pilgrimage will have a spiritual experience.

The Marian Lamp situated next to the Lady Altar is available to be lit for personal intentions, we suggest a donation of £5 and do speak with Fr. Stephen about the intention for which you would like the Marian Lamp to be lit.

This coming Wednesday July 31 at 12:30 pm the Requiem Mass for Mollie Howes will be celebrated here at Holy Spirit. Mollie and her family have been long standing members of Holy Spirit parish, so it would be good to have a sizeable turn out of Parishioners and Friends of the Parish, to bid Mollie farewell.

**Handmade cards** (available on the table in a rack at the back)

Since I started selling my hand made cards at Holy Spirit for £1 each, I have raised over £150. The money helps me provide crafting/painting sessions with the patients at St Ann's Hospice, Heald Green where I work as a volunteer. Please let me know if you would like a card made for a special occasion or someone in particular. Just leave me a message in the card rack. Thank you so much for your continued support for the hospice patients. Anne Walker.

"Racing for Glory" booklets about the Olympic Games in Paris 1924 on the table at back of church. Please help yourself.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*2 Kings 4: 42-44   Ephesians 4: 1-6   John 6: 1-15*

The first reading this Sunday is from the second Book of the Kings, where Elisha the prophet through the power of Yahweh performs a miracle, this type of miracle will be seen again, as Jesus will replicate the later miracle of the Eucharist, during his public ministry by the feeding of five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish, which is recounted for us in today's Gospel from St. John.

The second reading this Sunday is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, where Paul encourages the Ephesian Community to acknowledge their calling as Christian's so that they can be unified, and fulfil the promises they made when they were baptised.

The Gospel this Sunday is from St. John, where Jesus performs the miracle of the five barley loaves and two fish. In St. John's Gospel the multiplication of the loaves and fish is given as sign of Jesus' authority and divinity. This chapter in St. John's Gospel is referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse"